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Patent

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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## **RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir.

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, Applicants hereby submit this Response and Request for Reconsideration, outside of the three-month response deadline. By separate submission, Applicants petition for a Request for a One Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the response deadline to August 6, 2006.

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